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1. Jean Hajji Tuma, chief of the Visa Bureau in the Department of Control of Foreigners in the Lebanese Sureté, is reliably reported to have complained about the number of Soviet nationals who have managed to enter Lebanon, unchecked, by coming via Syria.

25X1X6 [redacted] credits Tuma with being the most brilliant Lebanese C.B. officer. Tuma proved his ability in this field during the last war when he served in the French Sureté aux Armées.

2. Tuma made the following complaints:

- a. Visa collaboration with Syria has proved detrimental. Illustrative of this is the reported fact that while the Lebanese Legation in Moscow has issued only two visas, many more Soviets have entered, and are living in Lebanon.
- b. Most Soviet nationals in the Levant have Syrian visas, granted at Tehran by the Syrian Legation in Iran. Tuma was convinced that both As'ad Harun, Syrian Minister to Tehran, and As'ad Talas, his First Secretary, are corrupt and would do anything for money.
- c. In spite of Syria's agreement to notify the Lebanese Security Service when travellers cross the Syrian-Lebanese frontier, Syrian Security has persistently failed to forward lists of such travellers.

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